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In re Application of

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed December 14, 2005 for which the shortened – statutory period for response *plus a one-month extension for time* – is set to expire on April 14, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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